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SUBJECT: ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES GUIDANCE ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES
FURNISHED IN AF NEWSLETTER NO. 352 IN FORM OF QUESTIONS
AND ANSWERS ON NAMIBIA, RHODESIA, GENEVA TALKS AND SOUTH
AFRICA.

2. ISSUE OF ISRAEL'S SALE OF ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA HAS PARTICU-
LAR PERTINENCE HERE WHERE QUESTION BEING MUCH DISCUSSED IN PRESS
AND ELSEWHERE. GUIDANCE PROVIDED ON PAGE 8 OF REFERENCE
DOCUMENT LEAVES UNANSWERED SEVERAL KEY QUESTIONS. IS ISRAEL
SELLING SOPHISTICATED ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA? ARE ANY OF THESE
ARMS OF A TYPE THAT SHOULD BE COVERED BY US CONTROLS ON
THIRD-COUNTRY SALES? IN OTHER WORDS, MIGHT ISRAEL BE TRANS-
FERRING SUCH TO SOUTH AFRICA WITHOUT SEEKING US APPROVAL? THE IM-
PLICATION OF ABOVE GUIDANCE IS THAT NO REPEAT NO TRANSFERS
HAVE BEEN MADE TO SOUTH AFRICA BY ISRAEL OF EQUIPMENT OR
TECHNOLOGY OF US ORIGIN. ARE WE CORRECT IN ASSUMING THAT
WE CAN MAKE SUCH A STATEMENT PUBLICLY?

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3. OUR QUESTION ON THIS LATTER POINT IS PROMPTED BY UPI
PRESS ITEM REPORTED IN AFRTS NEWS FILE JANUARY 13 WHICH READS
AS FOLLOWS: "US OFFICIALS SAY ISRAEL MAY BE ENDANGERING
ITS FRIENDSHIP WITH WASHINGTON BY SELLING WEAPONS TO SOUTH
AFRICA AND TO CHILE. THE ACTION VIOLATES U.S. EMBARGOES."
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